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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

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Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19 and 20 as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 5" and insert -- claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert -- claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 8".

Claim 10, line 2, delete "any one of claims 7 to 9" and insert -- claim 7--.
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Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11".

Claim 15, line 1, delete "or 14".

Claim 17, line 1, delete "or 16".

Claim 19, line 1, delete "any one of claims 13 to 18" and insert -- claim 13--.

Claim 20, line 1, delete "any one of claims 13 to 19" and insert -- claim 13--.

Respectfully submitted,

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